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Title: Need to continue present subsidy scheme provided for agricultural loans in the country.

*SHRI R.K. BHARATHIMOHAN (MAYILADUTHURAI): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. The Union government has extended the subsidy being provided to agricultural loans up to 30 June 2015. Thereafter the Union government is planning to link this subsidy scheme with direct transfer of funds. If

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* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Tamil.

it is linked the farmers will have to repay their loans initially with interest to avail the subsidy which will be very difficult for them. Under the able guidance of Hon. Makkalin Muthalvar Puratchithalaivi Amma, Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has requested that the present subsidy scheme should be continued without any changes or modifications to it. I therefore urge upon the Union government to continue with the present subsidy scheme. Thank you.